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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated September 26, 2000, please consider the following remarks. This amendment is being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response, so no additional fee is due. If, however, any further fee becomes due during prosecution of this patent application, the Patent Office is authorized to charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

## Remarks

The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 1-15 and 32-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103, asserting that these claims are obvious over EP Publication No. 0 279 579 (EP '579) to Bridgestone. In response to Applicants arguments, the Examiner contends that "virtually any printed coating would have variations in dimension that would only be visible with the aid of a magnifying device at least to the degree claimed here. . . . Thus, it is not seen that the present